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ALTERING THE STORAGE CONTENTS OF CONTROL UNITS

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2002, Applicants submit the
following:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. A marked copy of the claims as amended is
attached as an Appendix entitled "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Please amend claims 1, 6, 8, 12, 14, 16 18, 20, 24 and 27 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of erasing and/or programming information in a memory
arrangement of a computer, comprising the steps of:

providing an identifier into an area of the memory arrangement that is to be erased
and/or programmed, the identifier identifying a correct erasing and/or programming of the
memory arrangement; and

altering the identifier in the memory arrangement before erasing and/or programming
the information.

6. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the identifier is a
component of the information.